

your committee, although by no means prepared to receive this receipt, as conclusive evidence of that fact, must nevertheless, admit that it is strong presumptive evidence in the case, because Mr. Duvall must have been intimately acquainted with the hand writing of the then treasurer of the state. The petitioner, however, has totally failed in the opinion of the minority of your committee to produce satisfactory evidence that said certificates have not already been paid, or that they may not hereafter be presented for payment, nor is it possible, in the nature of the case, for the petitioner to do so, without producing the certificates, as such certificates were made payable to bearer, and became a part of the currency of the country. The minority of your committee would also remark, that it has been upwards of thirty five years since any certificate of the denomination to which these certificates are supposed to belong, has been presented for payment, and it is most probable, from this circumstance, that said certificates were lost, soon after they were received by Mr. Duvall, and fell into the hands of some person, who either assigned them away or received payment for them.

From this view of the subject, the minority of your committee are of opinion, that the petitioner has entirely failed to sustain his claim—they therefore recommend, that he have leave to withdraw his petition."

Which was read.

Mr. Winder submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, pay to Levin D. Collier, or to his order, the sum of thirty-five dollars, being the amount of his account for provisions and forage, furnished to the militia in Somerset and Worcester counties, in October last.*

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and assented to.

Mr. Rogerson, chairman of the committee on pensions, and revolutionary claims, made a favourable report upon the petition of Rachel Lucas, of Anne Arundel county, widow of John Lucas, (a revolutionary soldier,) accompanied with the following resolution:

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, pay to Rachel Lucas, of Anne Arundel county, widow of John Lucas, a soldier of the revolutionary war, or to her order, during life, in half yearly payments, a sum of money equal to the half*